

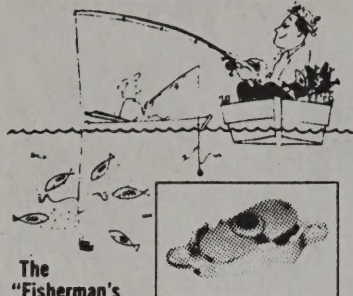


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I operate the party fishing boat Jamaica, from Brielle, N.J., and on Sunday evening, February 6, 1972 I was on my way offshore on an exploratory fishing trip. While underway, I saw from a distance of ten miles what appeared to be the Manhattan skyline. But, it was sixteen miles east of the Manasquan Inlet. The only thing that is sixteen miles east of the Manasquan Inlet is what is known as the Mud Hole.

The Mud Hole is a small canyon that begins just outside of New York Harbor, and continues on offshore till it more or less blends in with the Continental Shelf of the United States. The Mud Hole, as it is called, is a rich fishing area that produces tons of fish each year for both our commercial and sport fishing industries.

As I approached this mass of brilliant lights, I could see that it was a fleet of thirty-two Russian fishing vessels. It was quite a sight, a huge fleet of ships, some laying to on the anchor, while others fished. A Russian city, just sixteen miles from Brielle, N.J.

The first time that I sighted a Russian fishing fleet was on April 3, 1967, some sixty miles southeast of the Manasquan Inlet. Now, they are in as close as twelve miles. It is staggering to think of how many millions of tons of fish the foreign fleet has already removed from our waters.

A Russian city sixteen miles off our coast, devouring one of our natural resources, and with no concern for replenishment. What would happen if a foreign country began cutting all of our timber, draining off our gas and oil, and

mining all of our coal about ten thousand times as fast as we are presently doing?

Something can be done to stop this total destruction of the East coast fishery, if only those representatives that have been elected by the people will take the time to care. The only reason I can possibly imagine for such inaction in so critical an area is ignorance of the facts.

The Continental Shelf of the United States should be included as our territorial waters as pertaining to fishing, and a two hundred mile fishing limit should be instituted immediately. A complete moratorium of at least one year should be declared, concerning foreign fishing vessels fishing within the two hundred mile limit.

Hereafter, the number of foreign vessels permitted to fish within two hundred miles of our coast should be limited, as well as the amounts of fish to be taken.

An allotted period of fishing time should be designated for all foreign fishing vessels. Foreign vessels should be required to purchase a license yearly, and should have to submit to thorough inspections by qualified representatives of the United States at any time. Violators should be heavily fined and severely punished, by detainment or by impoundment of equipment. All proceeds from licenses and fines should be applied toward the cost of maintaining patrol craft, both sea and air.

Is this too much to ask of the publicly elected officials that represent our states and federal government?

Would these same officials stand idly by if the Russians began draining our oil and gas reserves, mining our coal and farming our crops?

We sit and watch foreign fishing vessels devastate our fish stocks and do nothing! Why?

When will someone with political stature have the guts to start the ball rolling?

Very truly yours,  
Howard Bogan, American Citizen  
Master M/V Jamaica

## FRONT PAGE PHOTO

The flounders are in! These happy anglers can testify to that. (From left to right) Bill Harris, Chico Ortiz and Willie Seda, all from N.Y.C., fished in Hampton Bays. They caught 48 flounders at Buoy 10 using bloodworms.

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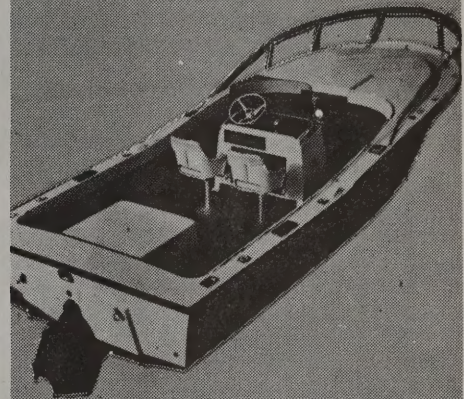
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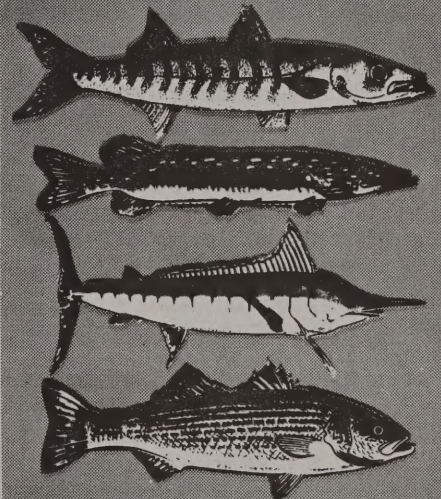
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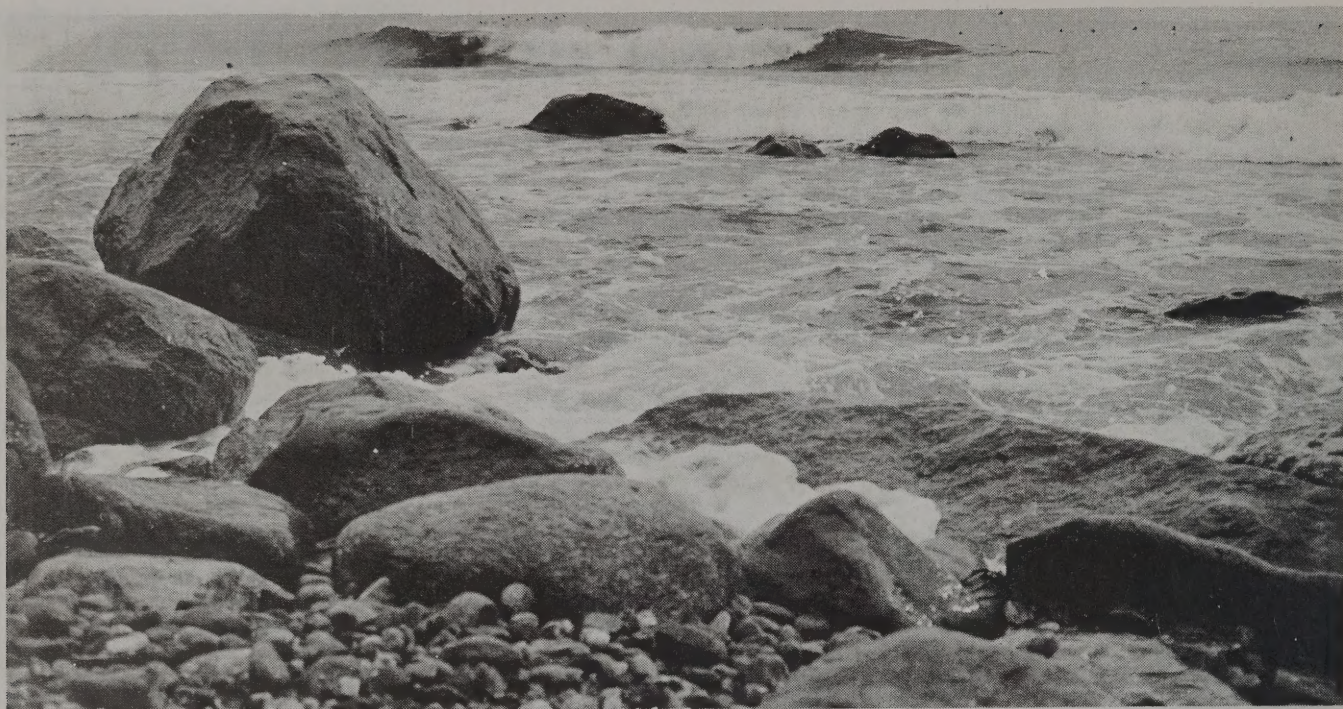
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## Sell Me

by Nicolás Guillén  
for Lumir Civrny in Prague

Can you sell me the air that moves through your fingers,  
strokes your face, and smooths your hair?  
Is there five pesos worth of wind, a cyclone's worth  
of wind that you could sell me?  
Perhaps there's some clean air  
that I could buy,  
the air (not all of it) chasing blossoms  
in your garden,  
in your garden for the birds . . .  
a ten-peso measure of air.

*The air wheels and passes  
in a butterfly.  
No one owns it, no one.*

Can you sell me sky?  
The sky at times blue,  
the sky at times grey,  
that portion of the sky  
you think you bought with the trees  
of your orchard, as one buys the roof of his house.  
What about a dollar's worth  
of sky, two kilometers  
of sky, a scrap, whatever you can spare  
of your sky?

*The sky is in the clouds.  
The clouds pass distant overhead.  
No one owns them, no one.*

Can you sell me rain, the water  
that give you tears, and wets your tongue?  
What about a dollar's worth of spring water,  
or droplets from a cloud,  
full and fluffy as a small lamb?  
Maybe mountain rain-water,  
or even water from the gutters  
left to dogs.  
What about a league of sea, a lake,  
a hundred dollars' worth of lake?

*Water falls and bubbles.  
Water bubbles and passes.  
No one owns it, no one.*

Can you sell me earth, the endless night  
of origins, teeth  
of dinosaurs, and the scattered lime  
of far-off skeletons?  
Can you sell me entombed jungles, dead birds,  
stone fishes, or the sulphur  
of volcanoes, a billion years  
in rising spiral? Can you  
sell me earth? Can you  
sell me earth? Can you . . .

*Your earth is mine.  
All feet tread it.  
No one owns it, no one.*

# IT HAPPENS EVERY MARCH

by FRANK BARRAFATO

» There may be another snowstorm, but the weather feels like spring. March is an exciting month for surfcasters. After a long winter of hibernation, the vision of a striped bass lurking somewhere in the surf, scavenging the bottom for a tasty morsel, becomes more and more vivid in the mind of the surfcaster. No longer able to resist the temptation, he gathers his lengthy surf rod, trusty reel, and surf bag crammed with hooks, swivels, sinkers, and other necessary paraphernalia and heads to his favorite early season spot. This scene is repeated every March.

My early season trips take me to a stretch of surf at Great Kills Park, which is the best producer of early spring striped bass along the Staten Island shoreline. It was a crisp morning in March a few years ago, but the sun soon began to furnish the air with a warmth. As I quickly walked down a path which would lead me to the surf, I passed the bulkhead of Great Kills Harbor and noticed several well-bundled anglers with light spinning tackle and bay rods. Upon closer observation, I noticed that their buckets contained flounders, mostly of the postage-stamp variety, and a few small eels. I continued my walk until reaching the beach area.

The surf at Great Kills Park is comparatively clean, that is, in comparison to other areas of Staten Island such as Fort Wadsworth and South Beach. Yet, upon closer observation one notices the dirty color of the sand, which in some areas is strewn with broken bottles, cans, and pieces of wood. Wooden planks pose a hazard to the surfcaster. I have on several occasions lost line and rigs which became tangled on the huge planks which float by with a surprising degree of regularity. In fact, I have fished some areas where I have had to wait for the planks to float by before I could safely make a cast. A distinct feeling of the neglect of nature permeated the air.

To the untrained eye, the water along the shoreline at Great Kills seems monotonous. Yet, it contains complexities. The surf is relatively quiet, and there are no huge breakers. It is an area

which becomes very low during low tide, exposing huge sandbars. Try walking along the shore at low tide, and notice the areas which have sandbars; notice the gullies and sloughs in some areas, places which during the incoming tidal stage may become traps which engulf bait. As the water gets progressively higher, deeper areas can be determined by their darker shades. Mark off some of the more promising spots by, perhaps, a peculiar landmark. My marker was the skeleton of a wooden boat that had been washed up on shore, which directed me to a stretch of water in front of a sandbar - - not very far out, yet it contained deep water.

I quickly assembled my 11½ foot surf rod and 307 Mitchell reel filled with 17 pound test Garcia Platyl line. My rig consisted of the standard fish finder rig - nylon fish finder, large Carolina float, medium size barrel swivel, 2 ounce pyramid sinker, and a "Jeros Tackle" 4/0 Mustad gold plated striped bass hook on the end of an 18-inch leader. Two sandworms, impaled on the hook to appear to be swimming freely, completed the rig...

I have seen two minor variations of this rig on a trip to Cape Cod. Worm slingers at the Cape add brightly colored beads (in varying numbers and colors) about 1 inch above the hook, and they paint the floats various colors, some even with stripes and dots. An aura of mysticism surrounds the correct number of beads and the right color combination. It appeared that each "regular" had his own correct formula, which apparently had been lucky for him in the past.

I have fished only the incoming tidal stage in the surf at Great Kills Park, and I prefer the early morning or late afternoon incoming tides. The early season striped bass move in close to shore, searching for morsels of sandworms being uncovered from their sandy living quarters by the action of the waves. Sandworms have proved to be the most consistent bait, whether in the spring or fall, and sandworms have accounted for more than 75% of my striped bass catch in this particular area. When baitfish (most-

ly spearing) become more common in the area, usually in early May or June, I will sometimes switch to small lures and plugs, such as the 1-ounce Hopkins and Kastmasters, and 3½ to 4½ inch floating and diving Rebel-type plugs (silver in color). These will take an occasional striped bass, especially when baitfish happen to be concentrated in a particular area. Small white poppers will consistently score in Great Kills Harbor during May and June.

What is the reason for the apparent poor results of lures and plugs in the surf at Great Kills Park? The only answer that I can offer is that there are poor concentrations of baitfish here, forcing the striped bass to search the bottom for food throughout the spring and fall. This poor showing of baitfish could be traced to ecological conditions. Great Kills Harbor (the jetty area) has more baitfish, and this probably accounts

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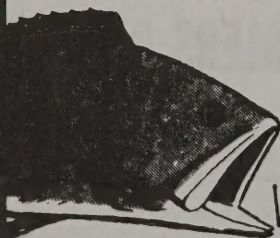
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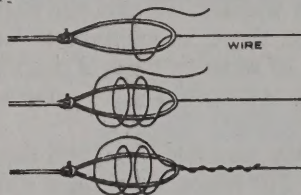
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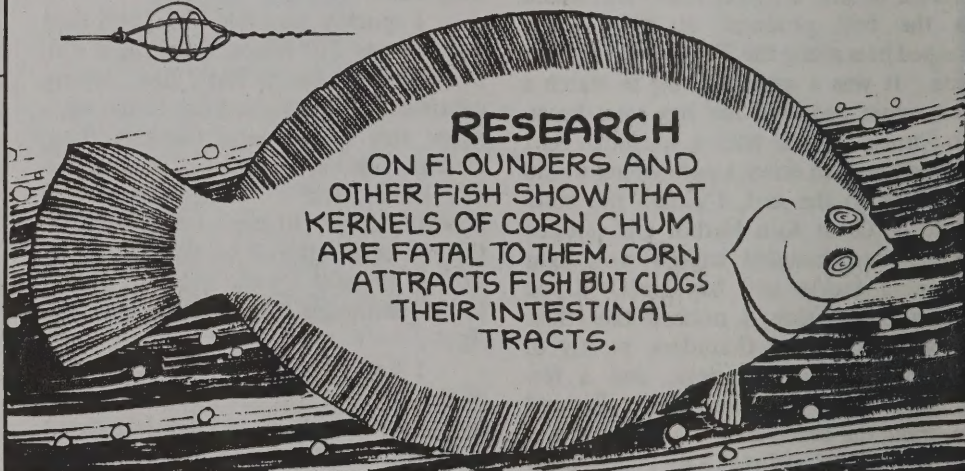
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## EVERY FISHERMAN SHOULD

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BY TED NESS

» In fishing, as well as other sports, there is something which makes some men excel while others blunder along. This 'thing' is experience. No electronic or mechanical device on the market today can achieve the same results as years of honing your skills by making and correcting mistakes. Of course, natural aptitude and intensive studies can reduce the training period, but no one can succeed without some good old "on the job training."

Some sports such as golf, bowling, or handball, depend almost exclusively on manual dexterity, while sports like hunting and fishing are highly dependent on variable conditions such as weather, availability of game, and all the other stuff that affects the outcome, regardless of the participant's dexterity. The fisherman who fishes where there are no fish may be able to drop a fly in the neck of a floating wine bottle . . . but will go home with an empty creel . . . sadder but WISER.

Every fisherman will spend a lot of time fishing unproductive areas. That's a part of his training and after years of exploratory angling, he will accumulate a vast amount of fishing lore. This lore will enable him to profit from past mistakes and achievements. Each time you go fishing, you store data into the memory banks of your brain and if this information could be recalled when the need arises, you'd soon be one of the best and have the fish crying for mercy. Unfortunately for you, the human brain can often be cantankerous and ornery, refusing to relinquish its accumulated facts upon demand. Unlike a computer, the brain doesn't spew out its contents, so let's face it, the only way you are going to make full use of your past experiences is to WRITE THEM DOWN.

One of the most valuable things an angler can have is a well kept diary, otherwise known as a log. Here all his trials, tribulations, and successful explorations are recorded for posterity. It is more than a record of his prowess as a fisherman, it is in fact a scientific journal. Imagine if you could gain access to the logs of the charter skippers who have lied the local fishing grounds day after day, for the past ten or twenty years. With all that knowledge you could wear out ten reels a year.

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There are many commercial logs on the market, but I have found none that fill my particular needs, so I simply made one which does. I typed up a daily log sheet that included all the questions with blank spaces for answers, which cut down the written log entries to the bare minimum. As I am also a boat owner, I included boat operational data and records which are important for the maintenance of the craft. Also included are data sheets, such as courses to fishing grounds, boat inventory, and boat dimensions. To keep the F.C.C. happy, I also included a radio log. After having a hundred copies of my daily log sheet reproduced, I bound all of the sheets between water (and clam chum) proof covers and placed it on the boat where it belongs.

If you are going to keep a log, I suggest you buy one or make your own as I did, but don't even bother to start if you think you can keep one on a scratch pad or the backs of matchbook covers. Human nature being what it is,

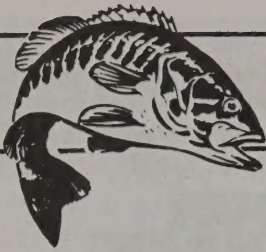
you soon fall out of the habit and after trying to find or decipher a soggy wrinkled page of notes, you soon decide to chuck the whole thing.

You may feel that you have little use for a log at the present time, but take my word for it, the few minutes spent each trip won't kill you, and if nothing else, your log will help you to pass the winter months as you sit by the fire reliving the past season's fishing experiences.

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# FRESH WATER — ANGLING —

BY  
AL CROSS

» Several summers ago I got up early to do some sun-up fishing on the Connetquot River in Oakdale. In a short time I had a few nice browns and two good rainbows on my stringer. Then they stopped hitting. Knowing how my sister and her husband Bob like trout, and wanting to crow a little too, I brought the fish to their house in East Meadow.

My talk about the morning's fishing whetted Bob's appetite for some of the same. He suggested that we try Massapequa Reservoir for a while. I knew that conditions were not at all favorable then. It was mid-day in mid-summer, and a heavy breeze was starting to pick up. With all that, Bob was anxious to go anyway, so I went along with him.

We arrived at the lake about a half hour later and started fishing at the south end by the spillway. In a very short time I began to loose interest. I flipped out a worm, let it sit there, and I decided to take a nap. A little while later I woke enough to hear Bob saying that the breeze was getting stronger and he was going to fish the pool below the falls to try to get out of the wind. I told him, "Have fun," and I went back to my nap. I had just about closed my eyes when I heard Bob yelling, "I'm in Al, and it's a good one." By the time I reached the pool he was flipping a brown of about two pounds onto the grass. While he was taking his fish off the hook, I flipped my worm in and had an almost immediate hit. In short order I put a second fish on the grass. In just about the time it takes to write this, we put five or six browns between one and three pounds on our stringers.

Now this little strike was about 95% luck as far as planning goes, something Bob just accidentally stumbled upon. However, thinking about it later on, it was easy to figure out why the brownies were there. The pool under the falls was cool and shaded. The water was dark with lots of places to hide. Too, there was an abundant supply of food being washed from the lake, over the falls, and into the pool.

I have since capitalized on the knowledge gained from this warm Sunday afternoon episode. One good dividend was a three and three-quarter pound brown on opening day of the year. This

was accomplished at Southaven Park in Yaphank. I arrived at the park about three o'clock in the afternoon. The lake had been having heavy fishing pressure all day. I went to the dam at the south end of the park and found about fifteen to twenty fishermen there. I looked around and noted a few small hatchery fish on some of the strings. Upon asking I was told the fishing had been lousy since morning. I stood and watched and shot the bull for a while. While talking about the other spots I'd been at, I took note of where everyone was fishing. They were all out and away from the dam.

Now this dam is not a dam in the true sense of the word. It is a concrete spillway with a large screen across to cut down on the amount of fish escaping from the lake into the river. The water in front of the screen is fairly deep, dropping off to about 10 to 15 feet. Knowing this, and seeing where everyone else was fishing, I tied on a small willow-leaf spinner, with a few split shots to take it down, and hung on a large night crawler for a chaser. I then flipped my line across the spillway, parallel to the screen. As soon as my spinner hit the bottom, I started to crawl it back slowly along the bottom of the screen. After nine or ten turns of the handle of the reel, bang! I was into my big brown.

Now this happened, as I said, on opening day in a place where the fishing pressure had been heavy all day. But that old brown was waiting for me, or was he? No, he was just sitting up in a nice cool, deep, dark hole where plenty of food was washing up to his door. On previous occasions I had taken several fish from this particular spot. Knowledge of it had been etched in my brain the first year that the park was open. A group of us were fishing at the dam and, you remember, at this time fishing in this park was restricted to artificials only. (This restriction has since been lifted and now live bait is allowed at the lake.) We were all fishing a varied assortment of hardware and were casting out from the dam with minimal results, maybe eight to ten small fish for the six of us. Well, along came an old colored gentleman with a cane pole and a can of worms. I guess no one had told him about not using live bait. However, we figured that with just a cane pole, this old man and

his can of bait would not pose any threat to our fishing there. In fact, I'm sure I saw some smiles cross the faces of two or three of my companions as they looked from one to the other while the old-timer got set to fish. Those smiles were due to disappear very fast!

Our new companion tied a one-ounce sinker on a big glod of worms and not being able to cast with the cane pole, he let his line drop into the hole in front of the dam. Yes, you guessed it! As fast as you can think about it, he pulled out three of the biggest browns you'd ever want to see, one right after the other. Then he picked up his pole and string of fish, said, "Nice fishing with you boys," and left for parts unknown. Of course, 'the boys' got pretty excited by the old fellow's success, but they continued fishing their artificials out from the dam saying that the catch was a mixture of pure luck and the can of worms. For my part, I didn't feel the same way. I decided to test the ideas that our temporary friend had put in my head.

I couldn't use live worms but the restrictions said nothing about artificial rubber worms. A little rummaging thru my fishing vest found me a couple of these. I selected a natural color one of night crawler size and pinched on a small slip sinker to take it down. Well, to make a long story short, I soon proved that luck didn't have much to do with the old man's success. Three fine sized fish on my stringer spoke for the spot he had chosen.

What I've been trying to do with this story book line is to put across a few important hints for you to use in your fishing outings this season. I will list them for you just in case you did not manage to pick them out of my stories.

First, observe your fellow fisherman, particularly if he is taking fish and you are not.

Second, don't be afraid to try new things no matter how foolish they may seem at the time.

Third, analyze what the fisherman who is catching fish is doing. See if you can tell what that different trick is that is helping him to catch fish when you are not.

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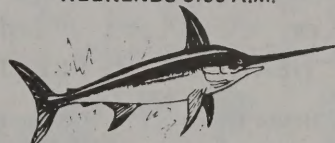
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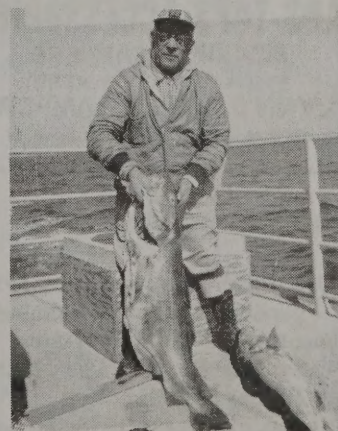
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## Strictly Casting — by Vince Guaglianone



## — Rhode Island In The Springtime —

"My favorite spot for big stripers is Rhode Island." VLAD EVANOFF, L.I.F., Issue No. 19, 1970.

» For years Long Island fishermen have been heading north on occasional and on regular trips. Famously, "north" tends to mean Cape Cod and the Massachusetts Islands. But many haven't bothered to reach that far north too often because they stop at Rhode Island more often, particularly Narragansett. Like Montauk, Narragansett is about a three-hour drive from Queens. And haven't they been driving up there quietly?

Except Vlad Evanoff. For years Vlad has consistently advised us to try a trip up to Rhode Island where, even amid August, there's fantastic action with bass and blues. Emphasize FANTASTIC. And underline the variety of species.

There are herring runs in the springtime; and harbor pollack by the thousands. Squid shoot in to shore to attack all the baitfishes familiar to you, like sand-eels; but up there sand-eels are in the trillions. This rocky water is for record blackfish for casters . . . Casters can get big mackerel in the south surf every summer, and tinker mackerel along the Narragansett shore . . . How about jigging some tinkers, and then mid-day live-lining them for (for example) 6 bass, from 13 to 24 pounds in the summer, at the 'Swimming Hole'; one of many hot spots amid that steep and ponderous coast of Narragansett. You can keep the tinkers alive in little green pools of surf-

wash up on the rutted massive stone of this great ledge-coast. Night is better of course. And autumn is best . . . But in the autumn, casters also get big mackerel again and bigger pollack along the sandy south shore in November, when cod sometimes are also beached by baited hook . . . However, it's the teeming bait-supply of these rich, clean and rocky waters that counts for our favorite species in the surf, stripers and blues.

It's hard to choose between the breachways and sand beaches of Rhode's southern shore, and its rocky 'Gansett' coast. But all the hot spots innumerable between the Charlestown Breach on the south, and the Narrow River on Narragansett are near to each other and easy to reach. And though Rhode's autumn cow bass run is the 'Mother' of Montauk's cow bass run, yet 'Gansett's' autumn bonanzas are an extension of action that awaits you all during the summer nights along this high and massive rock shore beside water so deep that you cannot see bottom at low tide right off your perch on boulder or on ledge. Don't wear waders for this shore. Heavy shoes are best. Of course, you will need waders for the Narrow River's mouth; and for Scarborough Beach; and for the Point Judith Lighthouse area where, like at Montauk, your waders should have in-

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*Rhode Island Continued*

door-outdoor carpeting glued to the soles and heels.

The spring is a good time to take a look and make some first casts. If the timing is right, you can enjoy more than the rugged coastal beauty and the spring-time scenic quietude of New England fishing villages. Luckily, Walter 'Hap' Kaine, who runs the "Top-of-the-Dock" tackle shop in Narragansett town, will be telling us more about the 30 and 40-pounders that await us mid-April through mid-May! Previous to a recent talk with Hap, I had thought that I had to wait for mid-May for the start of lunkers in Rhody. No, around mid-April, when the water temperature is 51 degrees! Then small squid speed in and the lunkers vigorously are after them, migrant bass and winter hold-overs feeding up in the salt ponds (bays), and up in huge Narragansett Bay. About three or four weeks later, around mid-May, when the water temperature is 58 degrees, the big squid and school bass hit at the West Wall: a great big jetty off Jerusalem-village, two miles west of Point Judith on the south shore. Meanwhile, the "buckeyes" or alewives, a type of herring, have also arrived like streams of silver from the sea, and the fishing is hot at the Narrow River north of Narragansett town; and up in the Great Salt (or Point Judith) Pond. Other hot spots include "Deep Hole" at Matunuck, two miles west of the West Wall on the south shore. At Deep Hole in early May at night, big bass can be taken on swimming plugs, or on worms by day when big blackfish may also grab

the hook in this deep, stony-barred and rocky surf. But most of the casting at this time is up in the Great Salt Pond and in the River-mouth especially, and along the 'Gansett' coast with live buckeyes, live eels, and eel-skin plugs.

In June, the "poggies" or menhaden arrive: another herring! (moss bunker!), and last all summer to be live-lined for big bass along 'Gansett'.

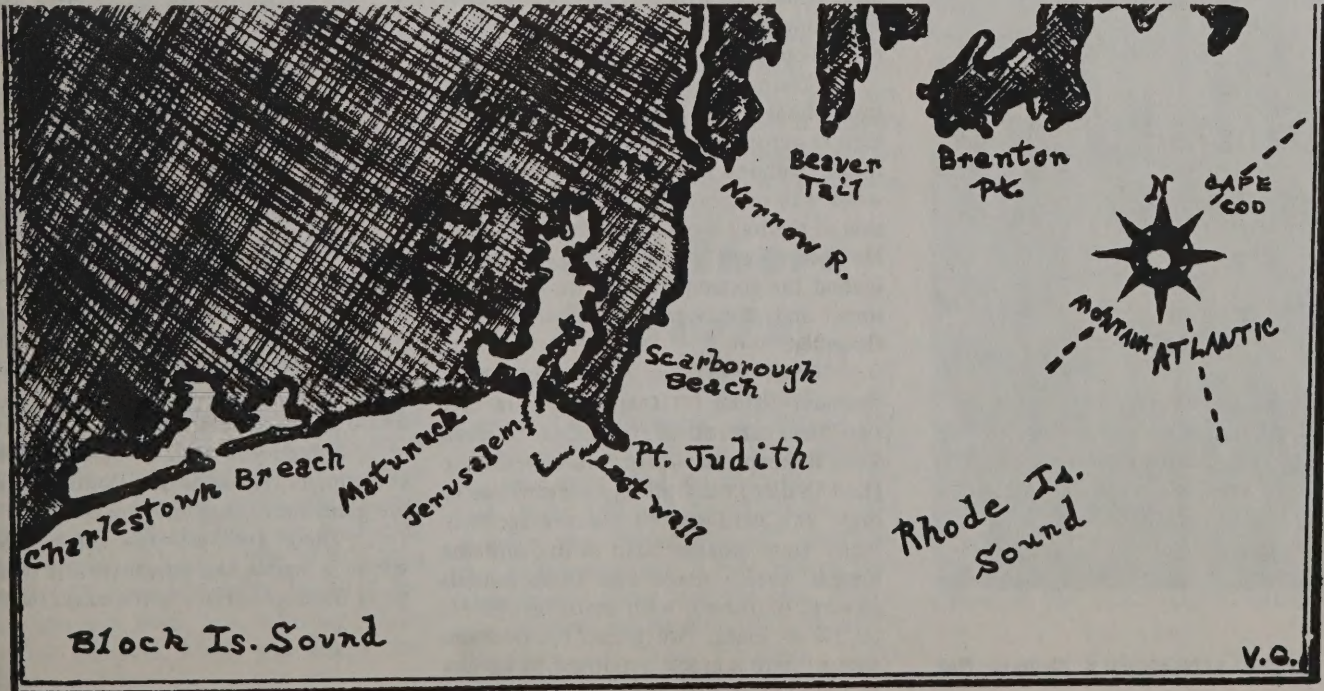
But May and June are still a ways off. How about casting for pollack? Usually from April to mid-May is the best time for these "Boston blues" for casters - or at least the most comfortable time . . . But in 1970 we could only get to Rhody the last week of May to try for lunker bass at the Narrow River. We figured if we missed these, at least there would be the more edible schoolies at the West Wall. Yet we found pollack still running through the harbor-water on the east side of the West Wall, and at the small Finger Jetty across the way. On small Kastmasters we caught pollack up to 5 pounds in the day; and at night we got them again off the State Pier in Jerusalem - a big roomy pier on which you will find early as April a camper or two from Connecticut or New Jersey, of impatient surfmen come up to Rhody for the pollack or at least for the three-poung flatfish: because, like me, they didn't know about the mid-April lunkers. Anyway, the trillions of sand-eels appear in this water early every year. And for the pollack, sometimes you need to snag a sand-eel on your tiny Kastmaster, and let this combo out in the ebb off the big pier so it gets walloped by a fast pollack, 12 and 14-pound pollack are sometimes

caught from the Finger Jetty and from the East Wall near the Point Jude Light.

But that last week in May, 1970, we did find 30-pound bass up in Great Salt Pond. It takes a heavy, 10-foot stick and the revolving-spool reel with 36-pound test nylon to cope with a deep channel's current and its buoys, and the weed. This live-buckeye casting I'd previously found as daytime fishing mid-May; but in late May, 1970, I needed the night because the boat traffic had started up in the Pond. (Night and dawn are best for the River-mouth on the 'Gansett' shore too, at this time. And there it's the boulders that would incline me to use the good old Penn Squidder.) But you know how the cow gives just a tap, and grabs the herring; and how you have to wait through the first run till she halts, turns the herring in her mouth to swallow it head-first, and as she starts off again, you then set the hook hard . . .

After a feel of lunkers that late May - to keep it honest how my first 50 doesn't show in the spring (?) - we then enjoyed those pollack on light tackle. Then, suddenly, on May 29, 6-pound blues invaded Deep Hole where we had gone a morning just for a relaxing view of open sea. So, bye-bye pollack and goodbye relaxing. Yet, nearly soon as they appeared, the blues vanished for two days. But just as suddenly the blue savages returned and during the first three days of June, the wife and I gaffed (I mostly gaffed) over 60 blues up to 8 pounds, slamming poppers and our hand-made 'spooks'; casting with light rods

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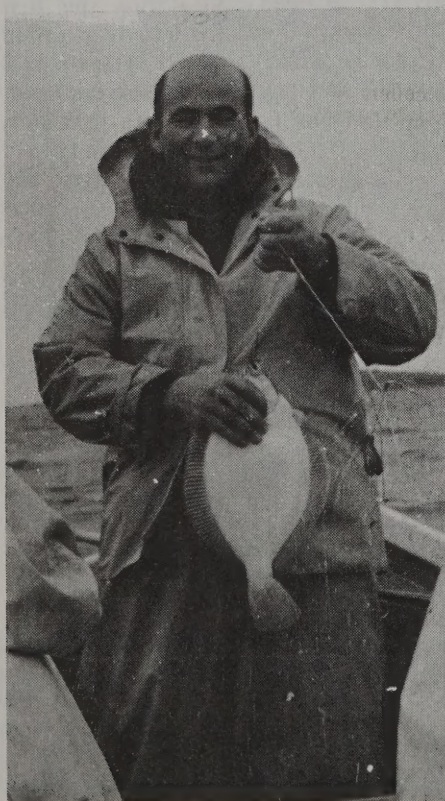
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Len Orifice unhooking a Quincy flat.

## CONNECTICUT SCENE

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### QUINCY CARAVAN

Two seasons have passed since I first received reports of the fantastic flounder fishing at Quincy, Mass. My first informants were reliable (whoops, there goes that police training again), and I didn't hesitate to spread the word.

Since then, more and more anglers from the Connecticut, New York areas have made the drive to this flatfish kingdom, and I've yet to talk to a disappointed fisherman.

I finally managed to get up there during the last week in October. Ed Boland, Len Orifice, Bob Stanley, Copp McNulty, Steve Czinski, and John Scaren-czek filled a couple of cars and a pair of boats.

We'd made reservations a week before at Hurley's Boat Livery, so we left Fairfield at 6:00 AM, arriving there about 9:00 AM. Greeting us was a big sign saying, No Boats To-day. Like wow, six hours of driving and no fishing. Walt Hurley was very friendly, pointing out a spot across the bay where we could fish from shore, and possibly go home with fish, but the stiff breeze blowing in had caused him to cancel his operation. We began the long drive around the bay (it takes about an hour), when one of the guys suddenly had an idea.

There must be more boat liveries on this bay, so why not try to find one. We stopped on Route 3A, at the first marine outlet, and explained our problem.

"Sure," said the owner, "there's a small boat livery right behind the gas station across the street." That's how we found Kehoes Boat Rental. While the wind was onshore on one side, Kehoes' side of the bay was smooth and sheltered. He pointed out the best fishing areas and loaded the sixteen foot dories with cushions, and we were off after Quincy flounder.

What can one really say about flounder fishing? It was good, in fact two lines are all it's possible to fish. They'll keep the worst flounder fanatic (Len Orifice) busy all day long. They're big! It's hard to tell the average fish. None were smaller than 3/4 lb., and the biggest were a shade over three pounds (several of these), with many in the 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 lb. class. We fished for flounder where there weren't supposed to be any and caught them. We tried out a little

further, and I hit a bonus five-pound cod. Every once in a while, a smelt would come in, or a mackerel, or a tommy cod.

We couldn't have picked much worse a day weatherwise. The wind blew, it was cloudy, and cold, and before we left, it was raining buckets. It didn't seem to affect the feeding habits of the fish. We didn't chum till late in the day, and that was only an experiment to see whether the fish would hit faster. Then, our chumming consisted of breaking up mussels and sinking them over the side in a burlap bag. It was nothing fancy but as far as whether it worked or not, it was difficult to tell. It really wasn't needed.

Quincy flounder probably boast the longest season anywhere. Norwalker, Tom Cutrone, brought me the first report in mid-March of this year. His was the first trip, and flats were there in abundance. Normally flats taper off as the weather warms, but in Quincy, I'm told they run as good in August as they do in April. Mr. Kehoe believes the flats are available all winter long if anyone has the nerve to give them a try. We know for sure that the spring and fall of the year are fabulous.

Quincy is easy to get to. The New England Thoroughway, Rte. 95, connects with Rte. 128 just south of Quincy. Exit 128 onto Rte. 3, which goes directly to Quincy. Hurley's Boat Yard is on Sea St., right on the bay. The phone there is area code 617-GR. 9-1239. Kehoe's is approximately 15 minutes further. Exiting Rte. 3, and taking 3A, head towards Hull, Mass. Phone at Kehoe's is 617-749-0645.

It's a good idea to reserve a boat in advance, especially if you're planning a weekend trip. Also remember to reserve your bait, or bring it with you. It's pretty hard catching fish without it.

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Should you wish to make it a weekend trip, motel and hotel accommodations are plentiful throughout the area.

There are very few places today where a writer can guarantee his readers good fishing. Quincy is the exception.

# North Shore Reports

## COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported, "We're open, but it's still quiet here. There are flounders around to be caught. Those who tried, caught a few, however, their fishing time was cut short due to the poor weather."

## NORTHPORT

Artie Levine of Chainlocker Bait & Tackle reported that flounders up to a pound are being caught off the dock, piers and at old Sand City. The action is fair, however, it's still too cold yet.

## SMITHTOWN

George Pankovcin of Beacon on the Sound reported that flounder fishing is still on the slow side, as weather conditions are still too cold for this area. "If the weather improves, we'll have a better report next week."

## PORT JEFFERSON

John Carafitis of the Carafitis Fishing Station reported that everyone who tries is doing a fine job on flounders. Chumming with mussels seems to be the best method. Flounders from a ½ to 1½ lbs. are being caught on the inside. No one has fished the outside yet. As soon as the weather permits, larger fish are expected to be caught there. Your best flounder spots around presently are: the old bridge at Setauket, the Narrows going into Conscience Bay, and the cove on the east side of Port Jefferson Harbor.

## MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported that although it's still cold, some anglers are trying. They are catching a few, however, poor weather is cutting the fishing time down. The fish are out there as local skin divers have reported an abundance of them.

## NEW SUFFOLK

Phil Loria of Captain Marty's Fishing Station reported that flounders are starting to bite pretty good now. Flounders from ½ to 3 lbs. are being taken at the North Race. Mussel baits are producing the best catches. Gaspar Teri of Brooklyn caught 35 flounders from 1½ to 3 lbs. and was top hook last Saturday. Last Sunday was cold, windy and sloppy outside.

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Bill Lieblein reported that last Saturday five boats sailed from the Port of Egypt Fishing Station. At the oyster plant off of Greenport, flounders up to 1½ lbs. are being taken at a fair pace. At East Marion, off by the windmill, larger fish, up to 2 lbs., are being taken. The action there is slower than at Greenport, but the fish are larger. Sid Hirsh and Mr. Paul of Forest Hills produced 20 flounders up to a pound on mussels at Jessup's Neck. Most everywhere, mussel baits are working best. The season is just getting underway and it looks good.

# South Shore Reports

## MONTAUK

Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reports that the codfishing was very good on Saturday. "We had about 112 cod up to 40 lbs. On Sunday, the fishing fell off somewhat due to the weather. A few pollack have been caught along with the cod. Everyone has been asking about the snowshoe flounders, said Capt. Forsberg. They don't start until the middle of April.

## SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark," reports that flounder fishing is excellent. Clark, Jr. has been sailing from the Shinnecock Canal and has been getting nice sized flounders off of Jamesport. Clark, Sr. is concentrating his efforts in the Sag Harbor area. South Ferry is a good flounder producing area. A moving tide and mussel baits are best at South Ferry.

## SAG HARBOR

Harry Smith of the Noyac Marina reports the flounder fishing is excellent in Noyac Creek and the waters around the monastery. The flounders are average in size, with some hitting the scales at 1½ lbs. These flatties prefer a moving tide and mussel or worm baits. Charlie Albert and son of Brooklyn caught 30 good sized slounders on Sunday. They fished the monastery area.

Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reports that the flounder fishing is getting better every day. George Toth, of Garden City Park, caught 37 good sized flounders on Saturday. George fished at the North Haven Bridge with

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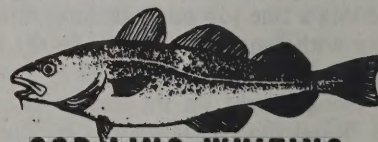
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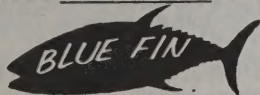
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## ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reported spring might be here as far as the calendar is concerned but the northwest winds won't leave us alone. The inland waterways and bay areas are still stirred up and muddy conditions continue to hinder the flounder fishing. Last weekend, there were a few flounders caught most everywhere. Boats had to move around and fish different spots in order to produce fish. If northwest winds lay down for a few days and the waters are allowed to settle down, flounder fishing should become productive throughout the Atlantic Beach area.

Both private and party boats that fished anywhere from one to three miles south of the East Rockaway Inlet last Saturday caught cod. Boats averaged from 2 to 8 cod per boat. Most of the boats reported that cod action was best during the outgoing tide. Bill Wojtusiak, who had caught four cod the previous week, returned to the same area last Saturday. He anchored his skiff just 1½ miles due south of the East Rockaway Jetty and produced 8 cod from 4 to 12 lbs. The Rego Park Anglers returned home that afternoon with another trunkload of cod. On Sunday, gusty winds kept most everyone inside flounder fishing.

## JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reported that most of Jamaica Bay is starting to produce flounders. For boat owners, Silver Hole remains the best spot around for the flatties. At the North and South Channel Bridges, flounders up to a pound are being taken. The flounders are being taken at a moderate pace on worm and mussel baits.

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY

While the March 23rd edition of the L.I.F. was being sent to the post office for distribution last Tuesday, Eddie Fox, Ed Lipnicki and Artie Blander, of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club, tried their luck at some cod fishing at Scallop Ridge. That morning, five cod hit the decks of Ed Fox's "Laura F." The trio's fish hit the scales at Stella Maris Fishing Station at 26½, 22, 19½, 19 and 16 lbs. They also reported that they lost a few. As this report and other reported cod catches at Scallop Ridge spread, there were quite a few boats that came out of winter storage for some early spring action. Last Saturday a few boats were

skunked, but most boats fishing there averaged from 1 to 4 cod per boat. Along with the present cod action, a few whiting, ling and sea flounders were also caught. Last Sunday, early morning winds mounted from the northwest. Even though the sun was shining, high winds and sloppy seas proved to be too much for fishermen trying their luck at Scallop Ridge. They returned home fishless, cold and weather beaten.

Last Saturday was brisk and quite cool for a spring day. Party boats from this port sailed for another good day of whiting fishing southwest of the B.A. Buoy. The boats picked their spots and anchored for the day's fishing. At Ambrose Tower, action wasn't good as strong tide conditions curbed the action.

Looking back at last year's records and dates, anglers are far ahead of last year's pace. That is as far as whiting fishing goes. Compared to last year's results, whiting fishing was very poor, however, cod fishing was considered good as cod up to 25 lbs. were caught at a good pace southeast of Buoy 4 of East Rockaway Inlet. This year the tables are reversed as cod fishing can be considered poor (foreign commercial trawlers missed a few). Whiting fishing can't be beat this year and if this run lasts until the mackerel show, we'll be in good shape for the new season.

Locally, flounder fishing is on the poor side as small boats are being weathered out presently. Pier fishermen are catching their share of flatties at a good pace. The flounders are located throughout bay area, however, choppy conditions are keeping the flounder fishermen at the dock.

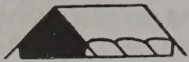
Howie Brown, of Belle Harbor, tried the flounder fishing at East Rockaway Inlet last Saturday. Bill fished between buoys 8 and 10 of Reynolds Channel. He connected for 45 flounders up to ¾'s of a pound.

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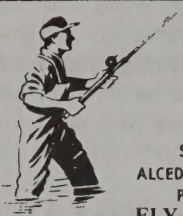
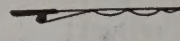
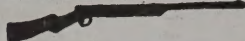
Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported that with a break in the weather, some flounder action was enjoyed locally. This action is taking place along Great Kills Harbor and off the rocks of Great Kills Jetty. Flounder fishing can be described as fair, with flounders up to a pound being caught on worm baits.

Spring is here and a few guys have been trying to catch the first striper of the season. Thus far no one has been lucky enough to do so. You can bet even money that the first striper of the season

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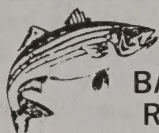
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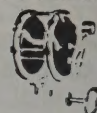
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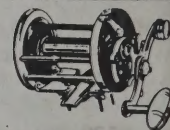
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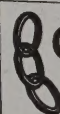
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The last suggestion, but not the least, is well pointed up in the two experiences I've related to you here today. As you probably noticed both stories were about brown trout. Mr. Brown, as he gets to any good size, becomes fat and lazy. He likes to find a deep, cool hole where there is abundant food for him to prey on with the least amount of effort expended. Look for him there.

If you try to utilize the hints in this list and use your eyes, ears and mind constantly while you are fishing, you are sure to start taking fish the same way guys with years of experience are doing.

If some of these hints help you in your angling activities, drop us a line and tell us about your catch. If you have some good suggestions of your own, pass them along to us. We can all profit from things the other fellow has learned.

Meantime, help keep our waters free and running clean and clear and do your fishing for fun. 

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will be caught within the next two weeks. Maybe the Staten Island area will have the honors again this year.

**SANDY HOOK**

Capt. Whitey Morenz of the Miss Take II, of Johnny's Landing, reported that last Saturday, whiting fishing was very good at the B.A. Buoy. The high hook for the day was Leon Chase of Elizabeth, N.J. with 73 fish. Leon's catch consisted of 67 whiting from ¾'s to 3 lbs. and 6 medium sized ling. On Sunday, whiting fishing slowed down a bit, but that was due to sloppy sea conditions and high winds.

Locally, along piers and sea walls, flounder fishing is very good. ½ to 1½ lb. flounders are being taken. The Oceanic Bridge towards Red Bank is your best spot. It is a sheltered area where small row boats can easily fish, even when unfavorable conditions exist along bay areas. Flounder fishing is also good along the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers.

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" reported that whiting were caught at a good pace last Saturday and anglers averaged up to 40 fish per man. Al Ingman of Manville, N.J. was top hook with 45 fish. On Sunday, weather conditions were tough and anglers had to work hard for a good day's catch. While fishing at the B.A. Buoy, Capt. Bunt noted that the fish finder recorded good readings and indicated an abundance of fish. Commercial draggers working the area all had good catches. If these fish move from the Mud Hole, the whiting fishing closer to home, at Lightship Ridge, should bounce back.

**SHARK RIVER**

Capt. Al Shinn of the Miss Belmar reported that whiting fishing was quite good last Saturday. The Miss Belmar fished the Mud Hole and anglers averaged up to 35 fish per man. On Sunday, conditions were quite nasty as anglers had to put up with a cold, brisk northwest wind. Flounder fishing along Shark River was quite poor last weekend and windy conditions on both days made bay areas sloppy. Churned up inland waters were muddy in close and it will take a couple of days for this area to start producing flounders at a good pace again.

**MANASQUAN**

Captain Howard Bogan of the "Jamaica" reported that they are now splitting the day's fishing between whiting and cod. Last Saturday they had a good catch of whiting at the Mud Hole during

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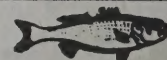
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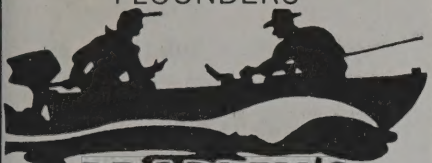
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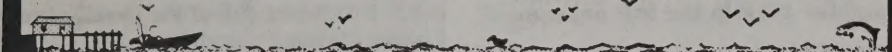
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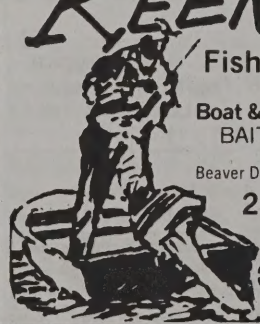
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mussel baits. "Mussels are best around here," said Dan. A 5 lb. 8 oz. striped bass was taken by Ralph Lake of Sag Harbor. Ralph caught his fish on a swimming plug in upper Sag Harbor Cove.

#### HAMPTON BAYS

Tony Leslie of Tony's Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing is excellent at Buoy 17. All week long, buoys 11 and 12 produced good catches of flounders. Worm baits seem to work best at these three areas, said Tony.

Ted DeCatri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reported there are flounders in Shinnecock Canal. Anglers had a fair weekend with the flatties considering the weather. Ted mentioned there are bunker in the bay. This is a good sign for this time of year.

#### MORICHES

Our report from the Silly Lily Fishing Station confirms that Saturday was the day to be out. Rudy Seherle of Jersey City, N.J. bagged 30 to 35 flounders which ranged from 1 to 1½ pounds. Some of Saturday's flatties were close to 2 pounds. Rudy did his thing by the Red Buoy near Seatuck Cove. Despite Sunday's winds, boat were going out, and one came back with about 25 flounders to head the day's fishing. The same story seems to be coming in from everyone: "It's a good start so far this year, and if it gets warmer, watch out!"

#### SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports that the flounder fishing is excellent off of Heckscher State Park. Paul and Adolf, of Ridgewood, N.Y., caught 145 flounders in this area on Saturday. All the flounders were a good size. These anglers chummed with skimmer clams and used worms on the hook. In the afternoon they were running low on worm baits so they stuck pieces of clam on the hooks. It didn't make any difference; the flounder showed no preference, they just kept coming over the side. On Sunday, the flounder fishing fell off due to the high winds and murky waters.

#### CAPTREE

Al Kappauf of the Captree Bait Station reported that flounders were taken all week long. They averaged from ¾'s to

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the morning. During the afternoon, fares caught 20 cod while fishing off the rocks and clam beds. Last Sunday, the Jamaica wreck fished for cod and pollack offshore. A fair amount of fish were caught but this fishing was hampered by poor weather conditions. John Piaccone of Trenton, N.J. boated the largest pollack, a 34 pounder. Mike Bountiquisti of the Highlands was the pool winner with a 38½ lb. hake.

Locally, whiting fishing at the Mud Hole remains very good. Cod are making clam beds southeast of Manasquan. The flounder fishing at the Manasquan River and bay areas is producing good action for those who try. There haven't been

any striper catches locally.

#### OFFSHORE HOLIDAY WEEKEND

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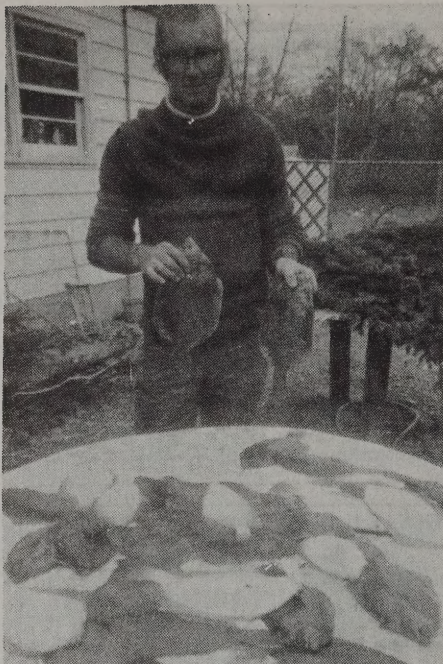
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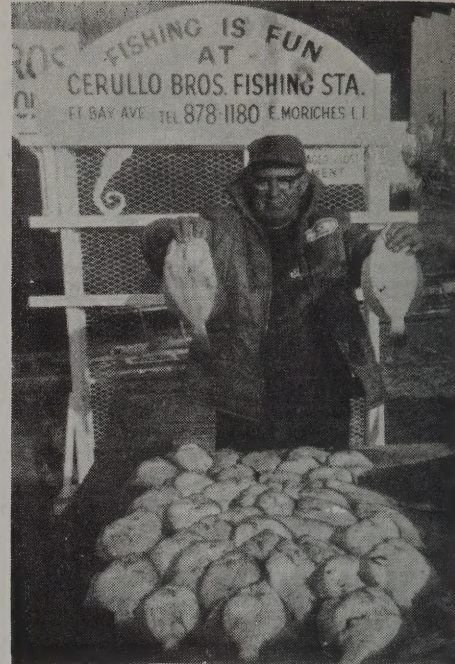
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James Manning of Islip caught 50 flounders near the Captree Bridge. Worms turned the trick in the bait department.



There is good flounder fishing out at Moriches. Photo shows Bill Scuduta, of Nutley, N.J., with his catch of fat flounders. Bill fished out of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

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Photo shows three happy anglers that went fishing out of the South Bay Fishing Station in Sayville. From left to right, Stewart Mark, Jeff Gelman and Lance Gelman, all from Brooklyn, N.Y. These young anglers caught 95 fat flounders off of Heckscher using bloodworm baits.



Mike Moran, Larry Greco, Vin Russo and Bob Sacco, all from Uniondale, caught these 31 fat flounders in Harts Cove using bloodworms and chumming with mussels. The young anglers rented a boat from Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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for the better results of lures and plugs here. Small lures and plugs will readily take school-size striped bass at Fort Wadsworth, South Beach and Midland Beach during most of the spring (mid-April on) and the entire fall, while sandworms make a very poor bait. I have observed good bait concentrations in these areas, and this no doubt leads to more successful endeavors with artificials. At Annadale, mackerel strips are a very popular bait for striped bass and bluefish.

I now began to wade out a few feet in the surf, directly facing the spot which I had selected. My first cast was smooth, not an erratic or snapped cast which would rip off the delicate sandworms. The rig settled to the bottom, and I let out some line so that my baited hook would drift along the bottom. I waited about 10 minutes. Nothing. I moved the rig in a few feet and waited about 5 minutes before moving in the rig a few more feet. I repeated this process until the rig was close to shore. After freshening up the hook with another sandworm, another smooth cast put my rig about 10 feet away from my first cast. I repeated the process. Still nothing. A fisherman down the beach caught a "short" which he immediately released.

At about one hour before high tide, with my rig about 100 feet out, I felt something pick up my bait and quickly hurry off with it, scurrying from side to side in an erratic fashion. Within a few minutes I had my quarry beached, a "shorty" of only 15 inches, which quickly received its freedom. The fish slowly headed back for the depths from which he came, stunned, and probably wondering what had happened.

I fished for another hour and a half without catching anything else. I did not care. In fact, I had a sense of accomplishment. I had started another season, braved another cold March day at the shore, and had thoroughly enjoyed the "being close to nature" feeling which a day of surfcasting gives to a person. I knew that when the waters warmed up a bit, probably by mid-April, larger striped bass (10-17 pound class) would frequent the area where I fished, as they had done in previous years. Action would taper off during the July, August, and perhaps early September doldrums, but it would pick up again by mid-September and last until late November if the weather is mild.

As I left the beach, the feeling of the neglect of nature, of the environment and of the natural resources, still hung in the air. Industries are certainly responsible for this "neglect" to a large extent -- using natural waterways, rivers, streams, and oceans as natural conveyors for garbage, industrial wastes, and even raw sewage. Add oil spills to this list. But the average individual adds his share. During the summer months, beach-goers at Great Kills Park treat the shore as a huge garbage can, leaving paper, cans, soda bottles and other trash on the beach, perhaps hoping that Mother Nature, in the form of a maid, will come and clean up after them.

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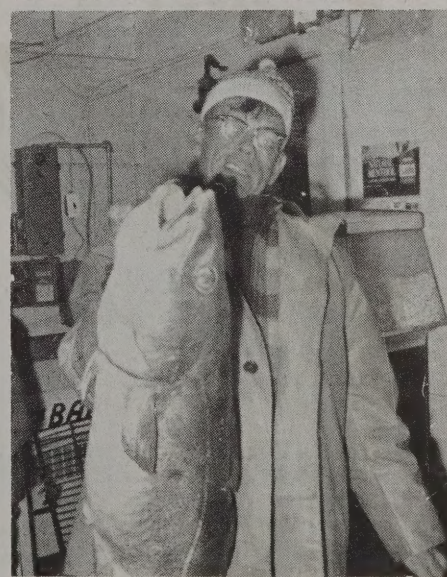


Photo shows Doc Grell of Deer Park holding his 47 lb. 11 oz. cod. This fish was caught in 115 ft. of water, south of the Gilgo Tower.

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2 lbs. 3 ozs. Saturday wasn't a bad day, with everyone getting their fill. Sunday should have been called 'Wind Day' for the anglers who went flounder hunting.

### CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the open boat of the same name, reports excellent flounder fishing off of Heckscher State Park. Saturday was by far the best fishing day of the season. "Some customers had 30 to 40 fish in their sacks. On Sunday, the fishing was slow due to the high winds."

The report from the Capt. Joseph Fleet is that the flounder fishing is tremendous. The flounder have been cooperating all week long. On Thursday, Hy Frank of Bethpage was high hook with 69 flounders up to 2 pounds. The Capt. Joseph Fleet has been fishing the waters east of Heckscher State Park, around the Sayville area. Worms, mussels and clams are all good in the bait department, with worms holding a slight edge on what Mr. Flounder prefers.

### BABYLON

Augie Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reports that the flounder fishing is good but the weather holds many of the fishermen back. Mat Haley, of Babylon, caught 33 fat flounders on Saturday. Mat fished the State Channel with worms and clams. Ted Casola, of West Babylon, had 45 flounders. He fished west of the Captree Bridge.

### LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports there are lots of flounders but there are not enough fishermen. The bulk of the larger flatties are being taken off of Heckscher State Park. Fox Creek and the State Channel in Lindenhurst are two flounder producing areas. Bank mussels topped with a piece of worm is an unbeatable combination. Clams are good also and they seem to attract the larger fish.

### SEAFORD

Carmine of Dell's Fishing Station reported the flounder fishing is definitely getting better. "All we need now is a few warm

days to go along with it." Warren Leopold of Wantagh returned with 10 nice keepers. Warren said he returned many flatties due to their lack in size. John Harkie and Dave Rarrant of Massapequa came in with 25 flounders up to 1 1/4 lbs. Again, many small ones were put back. John Tornercy and three friends fished between the Goose Channel bridge and the draw bridge. They came in with 20 flatties up to 1 1/2 pounds.

### FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reports that there has been a slight improvement in the codfishing scene. "We have to move around quite a bit to locate the cod, but it brings results." On Saturday, the fishing was fair, however, on Sunday it was poor, due mainly to the weather.

### POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross II," reports the flounder fishing has really picked up. Two of the better fishing areas right now are the State Channel opposite Gilgo Beach, and the waters around the Amityville cut. "We have been using worms, clams and bank mussels for bait. The bank mussels seem to account for the bigger flounders. The average size is about 3/4's of a pound with some flounders up to 1 1/2 lbs.

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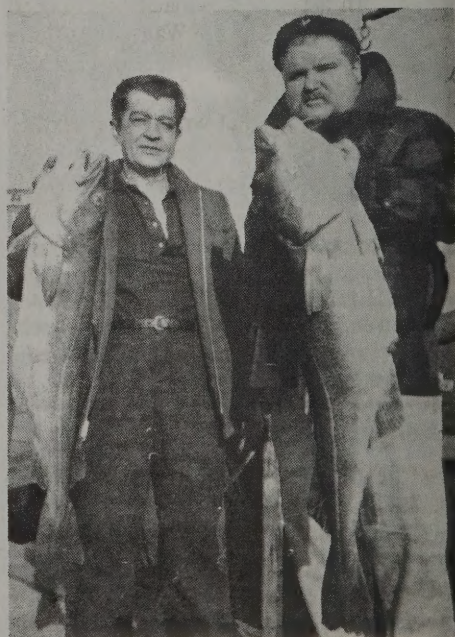


Photo shows Ted Zanas of Ozone Park (left) holding his 20 pound cod and R. Williamson of Queens Village with his 32 lb. cod. Both anglers were fishing aboard the "Peconic Queen" out of Montauk Point.

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and spin reels from the West Wall. The blues, in a great two-mile arc from Deep Hole to the sea-side of the big jetty, drove in and gorged on squid in aquamarine swells that were turning soupy from the killers. Each day, after two hours of catching, we left the crazy blue-fish still chomping away in the water. How many can you carry off at a time? The first day of the chopper-invasion we and three close Rhody friends had the long jetty to ourselves. Then the casting crowd increased during the late afternoons; and the boats that started to zoom in couldn't get close enough. This is surfman country, and the boat fishermen understand that the casted Hopkins isn't meant for this kelpy surf, but for them. Yet the casting regulars here are the finest gentlemen I've fished with anywhere. Everyone knows everyone here; and we come from Connecticut and western Massachusetts and north Rhody ("and there's that couple from new york") when the blues come in this time every year. Mutual, spontaneous assistance in gaffing the blues down this high jetty prevails. There's no fist-fights here, nor at 'Gansett' even in the autumn, like at Montauk. And I sure hope nobody brings any of this new-york up with him. There's no need. To much coast!

Usually after mid-June these first blues move from the south shore up into Narragansett Bay. Near July, more blues! - and with acres of big macks pipping all along the West Wall . . . Want some fluke in July? Change to hook-and-sinker and even on soft clam . . .

But you see that we have no further need to fish for the table after our spring trip to Rhody: pollack, bass, blues, tautog by accident. After June I want no more blues, except those teen-blues for sport at 'Gansett' in August days. And if I go late summer to Rhody, I can land bonito and teen-pound albacore casting by the Newport Bridge! And I don't mean just one chance albacore! And though I don't want any more of just any cow bass, I do try to get up to Charlestown shores of a summer-weekend, to work it at night or to work Narragansett at night or Point Judith at night for my first 50-pounder in the surf. Although after mid-June the beach-mob kills daytime casting: not at Narragansett where no boats can come too close amongst those jagged rock-out croppings the size of a small house; no bathing beauties need those massive rutted ledges; no skin-diver could ever get back up that cutting, slippery, steep incline of stone; nor you if you fall in or get pulled down

by the sudden moon-tide swell. Remember, no waders here! - Yet the home-from-school youths of Narragansett do scamper over this coast, chasing the breaking fish. It's a matter of learning the rocks.

You should also watch your driving northward. Keep it casual. New Englanders aren't used to turnpike driving or New York speedsters, yet. Take Rte. 95 or Rte. 2 into Westerly, where you should get on to Rte. 1 and keep on along the south shore. Rte. 1 will bring you to the signs: Narragansett. And in that surfman's town - like no other on earth - Hap Kaine will give you their latest info and the spots he's fished since his boyhood days, and nights.

So there's more to tell of species and of record catches, of tackle and of hot spots. But as Vlad Evanoff once said, "You can fish this coast a whole lifetime and still not know all of it." Yet, in our L.I.F. issues, at least monthly, Walter Kaine shall fill us in on the Narragansett Scene. It was really always a part of us, Long Island fishermen. You often face Montauk when you cast in Rhody surf. On a clear day you can see Rhody's Block Island from Matunuck and from Charlestown. Our Long Island 'Point', Montauk, is mostly an autumn pass-by spot for many a lunger that grew fat in spring and summer and fall in the broad deep waters of Narragansett. And as far as coasts are concerned, Montauk and the North Fork were all the while the southern-most end of New England's glacial boulder coast. Nearer to the center was Narragansett all the time; and what I have yet to explore: Beavertail; Breton Point; and Sakonnet. So take a look at the road map. Write to Rhode Island Development Council, Roger Williams Bldg., Hayes Street, Providence, R.I. 02908, for their excellent free map. And try a trip to some of the richest shores still alive nowadays, about three hours from here to the north and east of Montauk.



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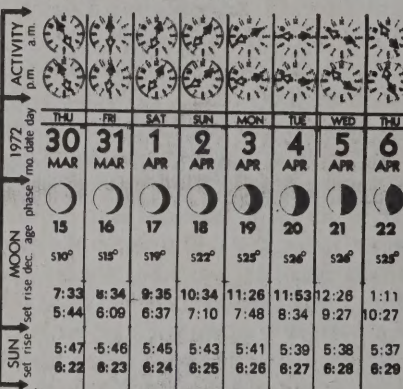
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### NEW! Complete activity tables!

The ACTIVITY CHARTS show the most probable feeding times for fish and wildlife each day, calculated from the relative positions of the sun, the moon, and the earth. A.M. means midnight to noon; P.M. means noon to midnight. PRIMARY activity periods (black arrows) last approximately two to three hours; SECONDARY activity periods (white arrows) last about an hour.



STANDARD TIME: Bold Face, P.M.; Light Face, A.M.

### \* THE MOON IN APRIL \*

- A - Moon in Apogee, April 1, 2:00 a.m.
- S - Farthest S. of Equator, April 4, 5:00 p.m.
- Q - Last Quarter, April 6, 6:44 p.m.
- E - Moon on the Equator, April 11, 11:00 p.m.
- - New Moon, April 13, 3:31 p.m.
- P - Moon in Perigee, April 14, 4:00 a.m.
- N - Farthest N. of Equator, April 17, 1:00 p.m.
- - First Quarter, April 20, 7:45 a.m.
- E - Moon on the Equator, April 24, 9:00 a.m.
- A - Moon in Apogee, April 28, 5:00 a.m.
- O - Full Moon, April 28, 7:44 a.m.

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

## TIDES: L.I. SOUND BRIDGEPORT STATION

| DAY   | A.M.  | P.M.  |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Thur. | 11:33 | 11:44 |
| Fri.  | 12:10 |       |
| Sat.  | 12:19 | 12:46 |
| Sun.  | 12:55 | 1:23  |
| Mon.  | 1:36  | 2:06  |
| Tues. | 2:19  | 2:55  |
| Wed.  | 3:09  | 3:48  |
| Thur. | 4:04  | 4:46  |

|                    | H. | M. |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Lloyd Point        | +0 | 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 | 08 |
| Bayville Bridge    | +0 | 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point  | +0 | 03 |
| Northport Bay      | +0 | 03 |
| Norwalk Islands    | +0 | 10 |
| Smithtown Bay      | -0 | 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point  | +0 | 05 |
| Port Jeff Harbor   | +0 | 03 |
| New Haven Harbor   | -0 | 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | +0 | 08 |
| Herod Point        | -0 | 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet    | +0 | 19 |
| Horton Point       | -0 | 20 |
| Truman Beach       | -0 | 42 |

## TIDES: B.I. SOUND NEW LONDON STATION

| DAY   | A.M.  | P.M.  |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Thur. |       |       |
| Fri.  | 9:38  | 9:51  |
| Sat.  | 10:13 | 10:23 |
| Sun.  | 10:48 | 10:58 |
| Mon.  | 11:30 | 11:37 |
| Tues. | 12:13 |       |
| Wed.  | 12:18 | 1:00  |
| Thur. | 1:07  | 1:55  |
|       | 2:03  | 2:57  |

|                           | H. | M. |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Orient Point              | +0 | 27 |
| Connecticut River         | +1 | 10 |
| Little Gull Island (Race) | +0 | 12 |
| Greenport                 | +1 | 04 |
| Southold                  | +1 | 43 |
| New Suffolk               | +2 | 26 |
| South Jamesport           | +2 | 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal          | +2 | 33 |
| Noyack Bay                | +2 | 05 |
| Sag Harbor                | +0 | 59 |
| Gardiners Bay             | +0 | 21 |
| Promised Land (Napeague)  | -0 | 14 |
| Fort Pond Bay             | -0 | 29 |
| Montauk Inlet             | -0 | 25 |
| Montauk Point             | -1 | 13 |

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